Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) A method of prevention and treatment of asthma, which comprises

instructing a patient to inhale an effective amount of a composition comprising, in admixture:

(a) a first active ingredient which is formoterol, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof or a solvate of such a salt; and

(b) a second active ingredient which is budesonide;

characterized in that the patient is instructed to inhale the composition on demand, as determined by the patient based on the patient's symptoms, as a treatment and a preventive measure, when the patient experiences an increase in asthma symptoms.

14. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the molar ratio of (a) to (b) calculated as formoterol to budesonide is from 1:1 to 1:100.

15. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the first active ingredient is formoterol fumarate dihydrate.

16. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the first active ingredient is the R,R enantiomer of formoterol.

17. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein a unit dose of formoterol lies in the range of from 1 μg to 48 μg, calculated as formoterol fumarate dihydrate.

18. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the daily dose of formoterol, including maintenance therapy, lies in the range of from 1 μg to 100 μg, calculated as formoterol fumarate dihydrate.

19. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the second active ingredient is the 22R epimer of budesonide.

20. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein a unit dose of budesonide lies in the range of from 20 μg to 1600 μg.

21. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the daily dose of budesonide, including maintenance therapy, lies in the range of from 20 μg to 4800 μg.

22. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the particle size of the active ingredients (a) or (b) is less than 10 μm.

23. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the composition additionally comprises one or more pharmaceutically acceptable additives, diluents or carriers.

24. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable additive, diluent or carrier is lactose monohydrate.

25. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the molar ratio of (a) to (b) calculated as formoterol to budesonide is from 1:1 to 1:70.

26. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein a unit dose of formoterol lies in the range of from 3 μg to 12 μg, calculated as formoterol fumarate dihydrate.

27. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the daily dose of formoterol, including maintenance therapy, lies in the range of from 2 μg to 60 μg, calculated as formoterol fumarate dihydrate.

28. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 20, wherein a unit dose of budesonide lies in the range of from 50 μg to 400 μg.

29. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the daily dose of budesonide, including maintenance therapy, lies in the range of from 30 μg to 3200 μg.

30. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13 further comprising instructing the patient to inhale the composition as a rescue medication.

31. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13 further comprising instructing the patient to take a second composition, comprising a glucocorticosteroid, on a regular basis as a maintenance treatment.

32. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13 further comprising instructing the patient to use the composition as a complement to maintenance treatment of the patient's asthma.

33. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13 further comprising instructing the patient to inhale an effective amount of the composition as a preventive measure prior to encountering an asthma triggering event.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33 wherein the asthma triggering event is selected from the group consisting of exposure to cold air, exercise, and exposure to a smoky environment.

35. (Previously presented) A method of prevention and treatment of asthma, which comprises

instructing a patient to inhale an effective amount of a composition comprising, in admixture:

(a) a first active ingredient which is formoterol, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof or a solvate of such a salt; and

(b) a second active ingredient which is budesonide;

characterized in that the patient is instructed to inhale the composition on demand, as determined by the patient based on the patient's symptoms, as a complement to maintenance treatment of the patient's asthma.

36. (Previously presented) A method of prevention and treatment of asthma, which comprises

instructing a patient to inhale an effective amount of a composition comprising, in admixture:

(a) a first active ingredient which is formoterol, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof or a solvate of such a salt; and

(b) a second active ingredient which is budesonide;

characterized in that the patient is instructed to inhale the composition on demand, as determined by the patient, when the patient is expecting to encounter an asthma trigger, as a preventative measure.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising instructing the patient to use the composition as a complement to maintenance treatment of the patient's asthma.

39-41. (Cancelled)

42. (Previously presented) A method of prevention and treatment of asthma, which comprises

instructing a patient to inhale an effective amount of a composition comprising, in admixture:

(a) a first active ingredient which is formoterol, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof or a solvate of such a salt; and

(b) a second active ingredient which is budesonide;

characterized in that the patient is instructed to take a maintenance dose of the composition, and, if the patient experiences asthma symptoms, to inhale additional doses as needed to improve control and provide acute relief.

43. (New) A method of reducing the incidence of acute asthma attacks, which comprises instructing a patient to inhale an effective amount of a composition comprising, in admixture:

(a) a first active ingredient which is formoterol, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof or a solvate of such a salt; and

(b) a second active ingredient which is budesonide;

characterized in that the patient is instructed to inhale the composition on demand, as determined by the patient based on the patient's symptoms, as a treatment and to reduce the incidence of acute asthma attacks, when the patient experiences an increase in asthma symptoms.